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"Of what benefit is it to us?" asked Wayne Clegg, Heber City Councilman about the annexation.

"It's just part of your City/County Health Building," returned Tesch.

The city limits does not include the property that is located west of about 700 west. There is a piece of property between the city limits and the piece that the county wishes to have annexed.

The city council was worried about the possibilities of a cherry stem being formed, from the annexation.

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wouldn't be a cherry stem situation since the road front property would be annexed, not just the one parcel of land. Tesch called the annexed parcel an "peninsula".

"I'm just worried about the cost of the annexation to the city," said Councilman Lou Jackson. Jackson suggested that the annexation be referred to the planning commission for further study, as to the effects it will have on the city.

"The city would lose possibly the hookup fees to the sewer and sewer payments," said County Public Works Director Kent Berg.

"We would avoid a lot of costs that might be incurred with future delays," said Tesch, and encouraged the council to act quickly as possible.

Jackson moved that the annexation be reviewed and discussed with the planning board, and that more study be done before the annex be brought about. The council approved.

Sheldon Edwards came before the city council and asked for a change in plan with the city on the subdivision that he is presently working on at 1st West, in Heber City.

According to Edwards, there is a road that would have to be hooked on at 7th South under the present plan. The road would be hooked with First West.

In the original plans, it was designated that the Edwards' would hook on the roads and for

the subdivision.

Mayor Jan Furner said that the area needed to be treated sensitively, since there have been some serious concessions made with area residents. Mayor Furner said that there are some sensitivities because of the huge development at the end of 7th South.

"Don't make the residents of the area give any more concessions that might save the residents further grief," said Mayor Furner.

"It's a question of whether the city wants it to go through, otherwise it would have to deadend there," said Lou Jackson. "It's up to the City Council."

"When he came in with the previous plan, we, the city council wanted it in," said Scott Wright. "So I think we should have it put in."

Edwards then proposed that a hammerhead, or an intersection be left at the end of 1st West, as

to accommodate the snow removal and garbage collection in the area.

Councilman Dan Bates made a motion that the road not go through, but that approval be given the subdivision.

The motion was voted on, with two councilmen against, and two in favor. Mayor Furner broke the tie with a vote to approve the motion.

The public hearing scheduled for ordinance 199, was cancelled after the city heard from city

attorney John Chidester, who noted that the wording of the ordinance was somewhat awkward, and unclear.

The City Council commissioned police chief Bob Nelson to begin the removal of all vehicles left on the streets between

midnight and 6 a.m. This action is for the snow removal, and the city trucks can clear the roads easier when all cars or vehicles are removed.

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